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Application No. .

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Examiner

Danielle Dunn

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/13/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 33-92.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>8/10/2007</u> | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 8/10/2007 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

3. In regards to claim 33, the prior art also does not suggest or disclose a plurality of illuminating devices provided at a present interval on the light incident surface of the light guide plate with each illumination device containing a first, second, and third light source for radiating three different prime colors including an optical means and a color mixing means for each illumination device.

4. In regards to claim 43, the prior art also does not suggest or disclose a plurality of illuminating devices provided at a present interval on the light incident surface of the light guide plate with each illumination device containing a first, second, and third light source for radiating three different prime colors, a first, second and third lens for refracting the light from the first, second and third light sources, further including two triangular prisms and a dichroic prism.

5. In regards to claim 58, the prior art also does not suggest or disclose a plurality of illuminating devices provided at a present interval on the light incident surface of the light guide plate with each illumination device containing a first, second, third, and fourth

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light source for radiating three different prime colors with one the third prime color duplicated, a first, second, third, and fourth lens for refracting the light from the first, second and third light sources, further including two triangular prisms, two beam splitter prisms and a wavelength plate between the first and second beam splitter prisms.

6. In regards to claim 73, the prior art also does not suggest or disclose a plurality of illuminating devices provided at a present interval on the light incident surface of the light guide plate with each illumination device containing a first, second, and third light source for radiating three different prime colors with one the third prime color duplicated, a first, second, and third lens for refracting the light from the first, second and third light sources, further including a first reflecting plate, two beam splitter prisms and an optical plate.

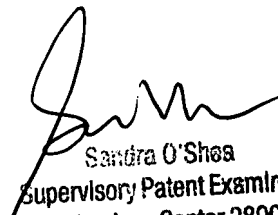
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Danielle Dunn whose telephone number is 571-270-3039. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 9:00AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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